

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Room of Frank Haney Union at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Yvonne Brown, Joanna Heidel, John Junkin, II, Perrin Purvis, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Members absent: Henry Hudspeth and Patricia Puckett.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 10:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Chairman Walker welcomed Joe Childers, President of Northeast Mississippi Community College, to the meeting and thanked him for the hospitality shown SBCJC members and staff during the visit to the college.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by William Seal, the Board approved the minutes of the August 15, 1996, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

Upon Dr. Olon Ray's suggestion, the MACJC Report was moved ahead of the Executive Director's Report. Under other business, William Seal suggested a discussion on a change of SBCJC meeting days, and William Bunch requested that a program change request from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College be added under Other Business. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Hazel Terry, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda as amended.

MACJC Report

Joe Childers, President of Northeast Mississippi Community College, reported on the following items discussed at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges on August 27, 1996:

The MACJC approved a request from Dr. Bobby Garvin to add a Foundation Committee Report to the agenda.

The Association unanimously approved a request made by Dr. Ted Alexander that the MACJC Chairman appoint a committee to study the concerns of teacher certification issues voiced by the State Department of Education's Vocational/Technical Division.

A report from the MACJC Audit Committee, Dr. David Cole, Dr. Eddie Smith, and Mr. Adam Jenkins, was received. The MACJC approved the audit committee's report and other recommendations for immediate implementation that included increasing MACJC dues to \$3,000 per year.

It was decided that the MACJC and related business remain separate and apart from the Mississippi Community College Foundation business.

It was also decided that the MACJC resolve to serve as a viable forum for discussion of projects and proposals which are developed for the good of all community and junior colleges. The motion passed unanimously. Individual colleges would have the right of refusal to participate in any and all projects submitted to the MACJC. Discussion of projects or proposals would be discussed in open forum at regular MACJC meetings for action.

In related business, it was decided that the action of June 25, 1996, pertaining to a football eligibility recommendation, remain in effect and that all MACJC students currently affected by this rule be grandfathered should the rule be changed in the future. The rule states that twelve hours with a 1.75 GPA, may be used for establishing athletic eligibility for in-state or out-of-state students beginning with the fall term of 1996.

The Association authorized the Executive Secretary to negotiate with the Isle of Capri Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi, to hold the 1997 Trustees Workshop/Conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray reported to Board members that Patricia Puckett's absence was due to the hospitalization of her mother.

Dr. Ray informed the Board of the upcoming "Mississippi College and University Workshop" that the community and junior college business managers are sponsoring to update members on GASB and FASB and The Financial Management of Auxiliary Enterprises. The State Board of Public Accounting has approved these courses for 16 hours of CPE. SBCJC staff is helping to organize the conference that will be held on October 24 and 25, 1996, at the Harvey Hotel in Jackson.

Upon recommendation by Dr. Ray, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Joanna Heidel to serve on the Moody Trust Fund.

Dr. Ray also reported that the SBCJC, along with the Department of Human Services, Employment Security Commission, State Department of Education, and the Department of Economic and Community Development, has applied for an employment training implementation grant that will advance the One-Stop Career Center concepts and practices throughout our State by combining the data systems of these agencies into a common network.

John Junkin made a motion, seconded by Hazel Terry, that the Board endorse the application for the implementation grant for One-Stop Career Centers. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ray gave a brief overview of the SBCJC Legislative Budget Office Hearings held on September 11, 1996.

Dr. Ray reported that a position vacancy for an Executive Secretary had been advertised and the selection process to fill this position will begin shortly.

Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a copy of the Mississippi Quality Award Conference brochure. The conference will be held on October 3 and 4, 1996, and he urged members to attend if possible.

Dr. Ray shared with Board members a copy of a newspaper article authored by former SBCJC member Paul Breazeale on the GED program.

Executive Director's Out-of-Town Schedule:
September 20 - Jones County Junior College

Dr. Ray also shared a letter of invitation from Copiah-Lincoln Community College's President, Billy Thames, to the SBCJC offering to host the February or March of 1997, at the Wesson Campus.

Dr. Ray reported on SBCJC staff operations and office relocation plans.

Dr. Ray introduced Dr. Evelyn Webb, SBCJC Associate Executive Director for Accountability and Support Services, who will join the staff on October 1, 1996.

REPORTS/ACTION

Finance Committee

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October, November and December 1996 General Fund Disbursements from Fund 2298, in the amounts of \$6,707,796, \$5,361,450, and \$5,361,454, respectively.
(Exhibit A)

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 30, 1996, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$1,772,062.67.
(Exhibit B)

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to authorize assessments upon the community and junior colleges to defray SBCJC expenses in the total amount of \$87,363.17. (Exhibit C)

Mr. Seal presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 for the Board's review. (Exhibit D) No action was required.

Deborah Gilbert presented a report on fiscal year 1996 general fund lapses and special fund carryover amounts for the Board's review. (Exhibit E) No action was required.

Workforce Education Report

Chairman Walker shared with the Board a new position paper prepared by the Foundation of the Mid-South on education and jobs in the mid-south.

Mr. Walker thanked Board members who attended the recent Legislative Budget Office hearings for their support. He shared copies of slides used in the presentation made by business and industry leaders during the State Workforce Training Council's portion of the budget hearing.

Ed Schneider reported that a list of companies that have received training services through workforce education efforts will be distributed to Board members at the next meeting. Mr. Schneider also reported that as the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 1997 approaches, approximately \$900,000 in projects have been approved.

Funding and Finance Committee

Dr. Olon Ray reported that upon SBCJC authorization the Funding and Finance Committee has been established. The following individuals have agreed to serve on the committee: Dr. Billy Thames, Dr. Eddie Smith, Dr. Barry Mellinger, Mr. Jerry Senter, Mr. H. B. McClellan, Alton Bankston, John Junkin, William Seal, and George Walker. Dr. Ray and SBCJC staff will now begin to develop an agenda for the first committee meeting.

Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a copy of a proposed change in SBCJC committee structure for their review. After the Board has reviewed the recommendations the proposal will be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

Even Start Grant Application

Becky Cade distributed and outlined a proposal written to the U.S. Department of Education by the SBCJC and Mississippi Department of Corrections for an Even Start Family Literacy Program for female inmates. On a motion by Joanna Heidel and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, William Seal suggested that Board members review the stated meeting days of Wednesday and Thursday. After a short discussion about a possible change in meeting days, Chairman Walker asked that this item be added to the next Board meeting agenda for further review and consideration.

Mr. Walker reminded Board members of the upcoming meetings scheduled on October 17, 1996, at the Resource Center in Jackson; on November 13 and 14, 1996, at Delta State University in Cleveland; and on December 19, 1996, at the SBCJC office in Jackson.

William Bunch presented a request from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to move an existing EMT Program from their West Harrison Center to their Jeff Davis Campus. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Chairman Walker requested that Dr. Ray contact Copiah-Lincoln Community College President Billy Thames, to schedule the SBCJC February or March 1997 Board meeting at the Wesson Campus.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement to any SBCJC members for their attendance at the Mississippi Quality Award Conference on October 3 and 4, 1996. On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement to any SBCJC member for their attendance at their District Workforce Council meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement to Yvonne Brown for her attendance at a meeting at Coahoma Community College on September 17 and 18, 1996, and for William Seal, John Junkin, Hazel Terry, Henry Hudspeth, and George Walker for their attendance at the Legislative Budget Office Hearing on September 11, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Perrin Purvis, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman

Olon E. Ray
Executive Director